Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, In each of America's wars our prisoners of war have represented a special sacrifice. On them has fallen an added burden of loneliness, trauma and hardship. Their burden becomes double when there is inhumane treatment by the enemy in violation of common human compassion, ethical standards and international obligation; and,

WHEREAS, On July 28, 1989, President Bush signed into law a proclamation designating September 15, 1989, as "National P.O.W. - M.I.A. Recognition Day;" and,

WHEREAS, As we now enjoy the blessings of peace, it is appropriate that all South Dakotans recognize the special debt owed those Americans held prisoner during wartime. It also is appropriate that we remember the unresolved casualties of war, our soldiers who are missing. The pain and bitterness of war endures for the families, relatives and friends of those whose fate is unknown. Our nation will continue to seek answers to the questions that remain about their fate:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim Friday, September 15, 1989, as

P.O.W. - M.I.A. RECOGNITION DAY

in South Dakota--a day dedicated to all former American prisoners of war, those still missing, and to their families. I call on all South Dakotans to join me in honoring those men and women and their loved ones, and I call on state and local officials and private organizations to observe this day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Seventh Day of August, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Nine

GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

JOYCE HAZELTINE, SECRETARY OF STATE